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## No Time Extension Allowed In Chowan To List 1940 Taxes

### Commissioners See No Reason To Give More Time

### SOME DELINQUENTS Those Who Fail to List Will Be Forced to Pay Double

Not only did the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday refuse to extend the time for listing taxes, but a motion was passed that the penalty provided for failure to list during January be immediately imposed with the further provision that all those who fail to list their taxes shall be double-taxed for their failure to abide by the law.

No good reason could be seen for failure to list taxes, it being stated that that time of the year is as convenient as any, especially for those who live on farms. To extend the time, it was said, would only open up a way for other delays in this important matter of listing taxes and collecting funds with which the county must operate.

It was recalled that a considerable amount of trouble was experienced by highway officers several years ago when the State extended the time for purchasing automobile licenses, but that since there is no extension very little trouble is experienced due to owners driving without the proper license. The same idea should prevail in the matter of listing taxes, the Commissioners agreed.

### Excellent Address By R. D. Dixon At Iredell Ceremony

### Herald Prevails Upon Modest Speaker For Copy

Because so comparatively few Edentonians braved the cold weather last Thursday, and because Richard D. Dixon surprised those who were present by his splendid address at the ceremony honoring the memory of Associate Justice James Iredell, The Herald prevailed upon Mr. Dixon to furnish a copy of his address for publication. The ceremony was held in the Court House, and also present for the occasion was the history class of Edenton High School. The meeting was called to order by Mayor J. H. McMullan, and following the invocation by Rev. C. A. Ashby and recognition of Misses Martha and Ann Iredell, of Norfolk, Va., and Frank Williams, of Edenton, descendants of Iredell, Mr. Dixon spoke. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. L. Wells, after which the group went to the Iredell grave at Hayes, where Miss Martha Iredell placed a wreath on the grave.

Mr. Dixon's address follows: "Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"A few days ago the committee of the local Bar asked me if I would say a few words here today. Since then I have heard some mention of the word "address"—that terrifying word—terrifying to the audience and, I am sure, to the speaker—a word that conjures up thoughts of a long, dry dissertation.

"Therefore, I wish to calm your fears and to say that while the few remarks I will make, will undoubtedly be extremely dry, they will most assuredly, not be extremely long.

"At the present dark hour of chaos and confusion in old-World affairs, when, sometimes, we think that popular government will vanish from Europe, and certainly, it hangs in a precarious balance—at this time, I think, it is a delightful and fortunate occasion that here in Edenton and in this historic building, we are

### ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Haskett attended the funeral of Mrs. Cassie Lee in Benson, on Wednesday. Mrs. Lee was an aunt of Mrs. Haskett and passed away Tuesday.

## Old Scroll Books Of County Ordered To Be Stored In Warehouse

With both the interior and exterior of the Chowan Court House, except the roof, now in the most attractive condition in recent years, the matter of tidying up has claimed the attention of the County Commissioners. The office of Register of Deeds Maurice Bunch has been more or less cluttered with old scroll books and in order to make it more presentable, the Commissioners on Monday gave instructions to store all of the books prior to 1937 in the small warehouse back of the Court House.

Those from 1937 to date will remain in the office for use on occasions for reference.

## All Star Band Plays In Washington On Friday, February 16

### Program Is Calculated To "Go Over With a Bang"

100 MEMBERS

### Big Parade and Concert Is Included on the Program

On Friday, February 16, the East Carolina All-Star High School Band will play in Washington, elaborate plans for the concert already being under way. In fact word comes from Washington that the program will "go over with a bang" and arouse more interest in music to those who do attend and make those who didn't attend feel sorry that they were not present.

Band directors and band members will meet at the John Small School Friday morning at 9:30 until 1 o'clock, with a free lunch to be served. After rehearsals, a parade will be staged at 3:30 o'clock, after which a banquet will be served by the Band Parents' Association. At 8 o'clock the band will render a concert.

Members of the Edenton Band who are included in the All-Star group are:

Ruth Byrum, Cullin Swindell, Clarence Leary, Ruth Vail, Catherine Reeves, Norma Perry, Janie Mitchener, Millard Ward, Linwood Ward, West Byrum, Jr., Maurice Bunch, George Alma Byrum, Shelton Moore, Billie Brunson, Grace Wilkins, Ed Parker, J. M. Boyce, Daniel Reeves, Lester Stewart, Annie Macon Byrum, Carolyn Oglesby, Elton Forehand, George Ward, Julia Burton, Frances Hollowell, Charlotte Bunch, Mary Gray Byrum, Pauline Moore, Carroll Stewart, Jimmy Chestnutt and Hubert Brown.

### Young Evangelist To Return To Edenton



Beginning Friday night and continuing on through Friday, February 23rd, Beatrice Wells, 13-year-old girl evangelist, will conduct evangelistic services at Full Gospel Church in North Edenton. Services will be held every night at 7:30 o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited.

The young lady has appeared in many parts of the country and it is her second appearance in Edenton, it being necessary on her previous visit here to turn many away due to the large crowds turning out to hear her preach and sing.

### County Agent At Large Be Speaker At Rotary

Due to County Agent N. K. Rowell returning to the hospital, County Agent-at-Large J. W. Crawford, who has substituted for Mr. Rowell during his illness, will speak at the Rotary meeting today. The program was supposed to be handled by Mr. Rowell, who made arrangements with Mr. Crawford to speak before leaving for the hospital.

Mr. Crawford will speak on some phase of the agricultural situation.

## Lions' Club Ladies' Night Will Be Held On Monday Night

### Edmund Harding of Washington Principal Speaker

HELD AT HOTEL

### Hour of Meeting Will Be Changed From 7 to 7:30 O'clock

At Monday night's Lions meeting plans were discussed for the observance of Ladies' Night which will take place next Monday night at Hotel Joseph Hewes. For this meeting the hour has been changed, the affair to begin at 7:30 o'clock instead of the usual time of meeting at 7 o'clock.

That this meeting will be an outstanding one was assured Tuesday when it was learned that Edmund Harding, of Washington, N. C., had accepted an invitation to be the principal speaker. Mr. Harding is very well known in Edenton, and just recently was the speaker of the Rotary's ladies night.

A delegation from the local club has also agreed to attend the charter night celebration to be held by the Plymouth Lions Club tonight (Thursday).

Thomas J. Wood made the principal address at Monday night's meeting, very interestingly submitting to the club various statistics relating to railroads in North Carolina. The club received \$12 as its share of the proceeds from the recent presentation of Handel's "The Messiah" which amount was turned over to the Parent-Teachers Association.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold their regular meeting tonight at 8 o'clock. All Masons are invited to attend.

## Legion Sponsoring Essay And Forum

### Interesting Meeting of Ed Bond Post Held Tuesday Night

With a goodly number of members on hand Tuesday night Ed Bond Post held a very enthusiastic meeting with Commander Thomas J. Wood presiding.

Various matters of importance were discussed, the two outstanding ones being the sponsoring of an essay contest and a forum.

The essay contest will be conducted in the Edenton and Chowan High Schools, with the subject selected being "Americanism." Prizes of \$5 and \$2.50 will be offered in each school with the winners eligible to enter a contest for state honors.

The Legionnaires were very much enthused at sponsoring a forum, which is directed by the extension department of the University of North Carolina. Under this plan an outstanding speaker is furnished for a topic selected by the local post, who will come to Edenton to speak and conduct a round-table discussion after the address. Just as soon as John A. Holmes secures all information regarding the forum, efforts will be made to stage one here.

### Masons Hold District Meeting In Windsor

Fifteen Edenton Masons went to Windsor Tuesday night to attend a Second District meeting, which was preceded by a banquet held in the new Municipal Building. Present for the meeting was Grand Master J. Edward Allen, of Warrenton, as well as other high Masonic officials.

A feature of the meeting was the presentation by Mr. Allen of certificates to those members of the Windsor lodge who have been Masons for 25 years or more, which includes Bertie's grand old man, Judge Francis D. Winston.

### Auxiliary Sponsoring Dance Friday Night

A dance sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary will be held in the Armory on Friday night. The affair will follow an entertainment to be held at the school when the Georgia Wildcats will render a program of string music.

Music for the dance will also be furnished by the Wildcats.

## Added Glory Comes To St. Paul's Church By U. S. Government

### Embossed Certificate Is Received Praising Building

SIGNED BY ICKES

### Says Worthy of Preservation For Future Generations

It will be of interest to Edentonians to know that old St. Paul's Church has again come in for more ancient glory, this time at the hands of the United States Government. Just recently was received an embossed certificate from M. R. Marsh, Charlotte architect and district WPA officer signed by Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the Interior, saying the church possesses exceptional historic and architectural interest and is worthy of most careful preservation for the benefit of future generations.

The certificate is the result of an historical American Building Survey, made by WPA chiefs a year or so ago, at which time drawings were made of the church and are now recorded in the Library of Congress.

The certificate reads as follows: "Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. This is to certify that the historic building known as St. Paul's Church in the county of Chowan and the state of North Carolina, has been selected by the advisory committee of the Historic American Buildings Survey as possessing exceptional historic or architectural interest, and as being worthy of most careful preservation for the benefit of future generations and that to this end a record of its present appearance and condition has been made and deposited for permanent reference in the Library of Congress. Signed, Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior."

## Edenton Handlers Of Food Graded

### Triangle, G. M. Byrum And A. & P. Leads Groups

Grades for food-handling establishments in Edenton for the month of February were released this week by the Chowan-Bertie Health Department, which shows gradual improvement. In the cafe group Triangle Filling Station leads with a grade of 97.5 percent, while the G. M. Byrum Meat Market heads the meat market list with 93 percent, and A & P leads the grocery stores with 96 percent.

Cafes	
Triangle Filling Station	97.5%
Burton's Sandwich Shop	94.5%
Hotel Joseph Hewes Coffee Shop	94.5%
Hotel Joseph Hewes	94.5%
Habit's Cafe	89.0%
Norwood Cafe	83.5%
Bluebird Cafe	81.0%
Meat Markets	
G. M. Byrum Market	93.0%
C. E. Byrum Market	92.0%
J. E. Lassiter, Meat Market	92.0%
Friendly Market	90.5%
E. C. White Market	89.5%
Grocery Stores	
A & P Store	96.0%
Goodwin's Grocery	95.5%
Pender's	94.0%
Cherry's Grocery	94.0%

### Edenton-Plymouth Bus Service Discontinued

Effective yesterday (Wednesday) bus service between Edenton and Plymouth across the Albemarle Sound bridge was suspended. Bus passengers hereafter going to or from Edenton to Plymouth will, therefore, be obliged to go by way of Windsor and Williamston.

### Greater Albemarle Group Meets Tonight

The February meeting of the board of directors of the Greater Albemarle Association will be held tonight (Thursday) in the Woman's Club Building at Coinjock. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the Coinjock Woman's Club promptly at 7 o'clock.

At this meeting the Road Committee will report and a lively session is anticipated.

## Albemarle Peanut Co. Is Featured In Peanut Magazine

An elaborate story and pictures of executives and of the plant of the Albemarle Peanut Company appears in the current issue of the Peanut Journal and Nut World. M. F. Bond, Jr., W. W. Byrum and G. B. Potter occupy the top of the page while the story carries three nicely printed views of the plant.

The story, written by W. B. Jester, executive secretary and traffic manager of the Virginia-Carolina Peanut Association, includes a brief historical sketch of Edenton, then gives a brief biography of the three partners in the business, as well as the history and progress of the concern.

## Sheriff J. A. Bunch Will Maintain His Office Four Years

### State Supreme Court Rules On Amendment Voted On In 1938

MUCH INTEREST

### Unnecessary to Make Run In Forthcoming Election

Sheriff J. A. Bunch, at least, was one local office-holder to welcome the ruling made by the State Supreme Court last Friday that sheriffs elected in 1938 will serve for a four-year term instead of two, and therefore eliminate the expense and effort to seek re-election in the coming election.

The court's ruling regarding the terms of sheriffs and coroners attracted wide attention because of its political implications. A constitutional amendment extending the terms of sheriffs and coroners from two to four years was submitted by the 1937 General Assembly and adopted by the voters of the State in the general election in November, 1938. The amendment was certified by the Governor on November 30 and the next day Attorney General Harry McMullan ruled that sheriffs and coroners who were elected on the same day the amendment was voted upon would take office on the first Monday in December and would serve for four years.

This ruling was challenged in an action brought by J. M. Freeman of Alamance County, where a vacancy was created by the murder of Sheriff M. P. Robertson on the day after he was inducted into office. Freeman applied to the county board of elections to have his name placed on the ballot for sheriff in the Democratic primary to be held on May 25. The board refused and Freeman sought an order of mandamus, which was granted by Judge Leo Carr, who held that the amendment did not affect sheriffs elected on the same day it was adopted.

"It is manifest that though the sheriff was elected at the general election held November 8, 1938, the term of office for which he was elected commenced on the first Monday in December and is to continue for the number of years next thereafter as then fixed by the Constitution, four years," ruled the high court.

### Firemen Enjoy Barbecue Supper

Edenton's firemen enjoyed a barbecue supper Tuesday night at Dempsey's Barbecue Stand in North Edenton, which was held as a sort of get-together affair. The firemen attended in two groups so that men would be on hand in event of a fire. During the evening brief addresses were made by Secretary-Treasurer E. W. Spires and O. B. Perry, fire commissioner, both of whom pledged their interest and cooperation with the department.

### Two Edenton Fires During Past Month

During the month of January only two fires occurred in Edenton, both of which were of small consequence, and easily handled by the local firemen. According to Fire Chief R. K. Hall the damage caused by both fires did not exceed \$50.

### Executive Meeting Of P. T. A. Called Today

Mrs. Richard Elliott, president of the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association requests a meeting of the executive committee of the Association on Thursday afternoon. The meeting will be held at her home, beginning at 4 o'clock, and every member is urged to be present.

## County Board Study Audit Chowan Liquor Store Since Opening

### \$21,000 Has Been Paid Into County General Fund

STOCK PAID FOR

### State Has Received Total of \$14,266 In Way Of Taxes

One report to claim much attention of the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday was a report of the County liquor store. This report was submitted by a certified accountant and covered the period of the store's operation since its opening in 1937 to December 31, 1939.

During this period the audit showed that profits for the County amounted to \$36,653.90. Of this amount \$21,000 had been transferred to the County general fund, leaving a balance of \$15,653.90. During this time \$14,266.46 has been paid to the State in the way of taxes, \$2,679.98 put aside for law enforcement, and \$1,548.13 allowed for depreciation.

Of the amount set aside for law enforcement, \$2,163.35 was spent leaving a balance at present of \$516.63.

With the \$21,000 deducted from the gross profit, the audit shows a surplus of \$15,653.90. The major portion of this sum has gone to pay for the present stock, which inventories \$14,602.52, the Commissioners being informed that by buying in quantity and on a cash basis a considerable saving is effected.

The condition of the store as of December 31, 1939 is as follows:

Assets	
Cash	\$ 1,901.76
Inventory	14,602.52
Prepaid Expenses	214.41
Equipment	541.49
Total	\$17,260.18
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 127.34
Accrued Taxes	962.31
Reserve for law enforcement	516.63
Surplus	15,653.90
Total	\$17,260.18

## Lee Moore Given Gold Medal For Record In Driving

### Safety Driving Award Received From Postmaster General

Lee Moore has just been signally honored by the United States Post Office Department, having received a gold medal bearing a large numeral 5. The numeral represents the number of years Mr. Moore has driven a motor vehicle in the postal service without having an accident or in any way being involved in an accident.

However, Mr. Moore's record is much better than the medal represents, for he has driven a motor vehicle since 1923 when they were first put into use in Edenton. The first machine was a motorcycle and was used for about a year, when it was substituted by an automobile. In all of these years Mr. Moore has a perfect record, but the idea of presenting medals was instituted only five years ago.

Together with the safety driving award, Mr. Moore also received a very nice letter from Postmaster General James Farley, who complimented him upon the splendid record he has made while working for the Department.

### 'Georgia Wildcats' At School Friday

The Georgia Wildcats, a five-piece string band, will present a program in the Edenton High School auditorium Friday night, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. The entertainment is sponsored by the staff of The Spotlight, the school paper, the revenue from which will determine the continued publication of the paper.

The band at present broadcasts over the Richmond broadcasting station and has broadcast over the NBC and CBS networks as well as other prominent stations. Slim Bryant is featured by the band, and the sponsors are hopeful that a large number will turn out to hear the program.